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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 19 August 1981

Admiral Inman chaired the meeting. []

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Admiral Inman reported the discussion on the makeup of U.S. strategic forces between the President and the NSC on 17 August. He said a decision not to make a decision now had been reached and that the major discussion had to do with the MX missile and how it was to be deployed. A decision on this will be made in five weeks or so. Admiral Inman noted that East-West trade and Central America were not discussed at the NSC meeting. []

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Admiral Inman reported on the three-hour review of the budget conducted by the President on 18 August and said nothing had been resolved but another session will be held next week. He stated that there will be some FY 1983 budget reductions in defense expenditures but he does not know how much of that will affect CIA. He also noted we have been able to fend off OMB's attempts to cut off some funds programmed for FY 1982. A general discussion ensued. []

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[] noted that NIE 7-81: Political Instability and Regional Tensions will be considered at today's NFIB. He added that the IIM on Iran should be out on 24 August and that the SNIE on North Yemen was in the coordination process. []

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[] reported he and Glerum had met with an OMB representative to discuss relief from manpower ceiling restrictions. [] noted he told the OMB if CIA gets no relief we will temporarily exceed our ceiling on 1 October. Admiral Inman cautioned we should not violate Congressional restrictions without discussing them first with the appropriate Congressional committees. Admiral Inman agreed to Glerum's suggestion that he work out a plan to see how we can resolve our current difficulty. []

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McMahon reported Jim Lilley (NSC Staff) had requested an Agency analyst be sent to Plains, Ga., to review President Carter's files to see what sort of bilateral arrangements were made regarding supply of arms to Taiwan. In response to Admiral Inman's question, McMahon said CIA was asked to do this because the appropriate analyst is familiar with the files. []

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McMahon noted the NFAC reorganization announced 18 August. []

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Fitzwater commented on the flooding last week in the garage of the [] which has caused a two-week delay in the completion of the building. []

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Fitzwater reported the JCS will not be using [] for a meeting on 24 August. []

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